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Preliminary Amendment

closed no leakage flow into the fourth low-pressure-side return 35 arises. As a result, lesser demands of the reference leakage can be allowed with respect to the guide length and the acceptable play at the first overlapping length 37.

Please replace paragraph [0053] with the following amended paragraph:

[0053] The seal 64 can be embodied in manifold ways that can be represented as a flat seat, conical seat or ball seat. Embodying the seal 64 as a flat seat in conjunction with a multi-part housing 61 of the servo valve 23 is particularly advantageous. If the seal 64 is embodied in particular as a flat seat in a separate housing part 62, then any axial offset that may occur between the valve piston 60 of the servo valve 23 and the housing part 62 can be compensated for. With the structural form of the servo valve 23 as shown in Fig. 5, a strong closing force, which improves the sealing action, is brought to bear on the valve piston 60 of the servo valve 23, and as a result, when the seal 64 is embodied as a flat seat, for example, a very high pressure per unit of surface area and hence a good sealing action are established.

Page 18, please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0059]:

[0060] The foregoing relates to a preferred exemplary embodiment of the invention, it being understood that other variants and embodiments thereof are possible within the spirit and scope of the invention, the latter being defined by the appended claims.

Please delete pages <sup>19,20 and 21</sup> ~~20, 21 and 22.~~

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